

BILL NO. 86-28

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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 86-28 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at the request of the County Executive

Legislative Day No. 86-12 Date May 6, 1986

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 25-71, SECTION 25-73, Section 25-78, and Section 25-79 of Article VII, heading, Sign Code, of Chapter 25, heading, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the regulation of signs in the County.

By the Council, May 6, 1986

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: June 3, 1986

at: 6:30 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was

held on June 3, 1986

and concluded on June 3, 1986

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford
2 County, Maryland, that Section 25-71, SECTION 25-73, Section
3 25-78, and Section 25-79 of Article VII, heading, Sign Code, of
4 Chapter 25, heading, Zoning, of the Harford County Code, as
5 amended, be, and they are hereby repealed and reenacted with
6 amendments, all to read as follows:

7 Chapter 25. Zoning.

8 Article VII. Sign Code.

9 Section 25-71. Sign Types and Restrictions.

10 (b) Freestanding Signs.

11 Freestanding sign shall include any sign supported by up-
12 rights or braces placed upon the ground and not attached to any
13 building. Business signs may be freestanding if the property has
14 a minimum of forty (40) feet of road frontage. The sign area
15 shall be calculated on the basis of one (1) square foot of sign
16 for every foot of property road frontage. However, the maximum
17 area of any freestanding sign shall not exceed [two hundred fifty
18 (250)] TWO HUNDRED (200) square feet. The setback measured to
19 the edge of the sign shall be equal to one-third (1/3) of the
20 required building setback. Unless otherwise provided herein, the
21 maximum height allowed for any freestanding sign is thirty-five
22 (35) feet above the nearest public road grade.

23 (f) Temporary Signs.

24 (1) Temporary signs shall include any portable sign, or
25 any other sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display
26 constructed of cloth, canvas, fabric, cardboard, wall board or
27 other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be
28 displayed for a short period of time only. They must conform to
29 the requirements of the Harford County building and electrical
30 codes. Temporary signs may be displayed for periods not
31 exceeding thirty (30) consecutive days and not exceeding sixty
32 (60) days in any one year. They shall be set back not less than

1 ten (10) feet from the property line and shall have a maximum
2 sign area of thirty-two (32) square feet and shall not exceed a
3 height of six (6) feet.

4 (2) TEMPORARY SIGNS IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 22,
5 1982 SHALL HAVE TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS
6 LEGISLATION TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 25-71(f)(1).
7 Section 25-78. Signs Permitted in All Zoning Districts.

8 [(b) Permanent Residential Development Project Identifi-
9 cation Signs.

10 One (1) residential development project identification sign
11 not exceeding sixty-four (64) square feet in area shall be
12 permitted on the property, provided it is located in conformance
13 with applicable minimum building setback lines for the district
14 and not exceeding a height of six (6) feet. If the lot or parcel
15 has multiple fdrontage of at least fifty (50) feet, one
16 additional sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet and not
17 exceeding a height of six (6) feet in area shall be allowed on
18 the property to be placed facing the additional frontage in
19 conformance with minimum building setback lines. Under no
20 circumstances shall more than two (2) signs be permitted for the
21 development.]

22 SECTION 25-73. EXEMPTIONS.

23 {b} (j) PERMANENT RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE OR DEVELOPMENT
24 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION SIGNS.

25 {1}--ONE-{1} RESIDENTIAL ENTRANCE OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
26 IDENTIFICATION SIGN WITH LETTERS OR ADVERTISING AREA NOT TO
27 EXCEED A TOTAL AREA OF THIRTY-TWO (32) SQUARE FEET SHALL BE
28 PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTY, PROVIDED IT IS LOCATED NOT LESS THAN
29 TEN (10) FEET FROM THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE. IN ADDITION, THE
30 HEIGHT OF THE SIGN OR STRUCTURE SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX (6) FEET. IF
31 THE PARCEL OR LOT HAS MULTIPLE FRONTAGE OF AT LEAST FIFTY (50)
32 FEET, ONE ADDITIONAL SIGN SIGNS WITH LETTERS OR ADVERTISING AREA

1 NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF THIRTY-TWO (32) SQUARE FEET SHALL BE
2 PERMITTED. SUCH SIGN OR STRUCTURE SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX (6) FEET
3 IN HEIGHT AND SHALL NOT BE LOCATED LESS THAN TEN (10) FEET FROM
4 THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL MORE THAN
5 TWO (2) SIGNS BE PERMITTED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. SAID SIGNS MAY
6 BE SPLIT ENTRANCE SIGNS; HOWEVER, THE OVERALL ADVERTISING AREA
7 MAY NOT EXCEED THE THIRTY-TWO (32) SQUARE FEET.

8 Section 25-79. Signs Permitted by Zoning Districts.

9 (b) Business Districts and Industrial Districts.

10 (2) Freestanding Signs.

11 [b. For other commercial or industrial activity. A
12 freestanding sign identifying commercial or industrial activity
13 other than community shopping centers shall be allowed on each
14 road frontage and the maximum sign area shall be determined in
15 accordance with the restrictions contained in Section 25-71(2).]

16 b. FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY. TWO
17 (2) FREESTANDING SIGNS IDENTIFYING COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL
18 ACTIVITY OTHER THAN COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTERS SHALL BE ALLOWED
19 ON EACH ROAD FRONTAGE AND THE MAXIMUM SIGN AREA SHALL BE
20 DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED IN
21 SECTION 25-71(b).

22 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this act shall take
23 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

24 EFFECTIVE: September 5, 1986
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BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

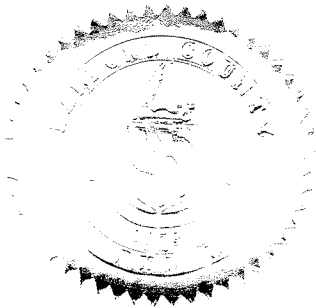
Passed LSD 86-19 (July 1, 1986) (with amendments)

Failed of Passage _____

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 2nd day of July, 1986
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County Executive

Date 7-7-86

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 86-28, as amended), having been approved by
the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on
July 7, 1986.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 5, 1986

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